

***IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE***

Applicant: Akihiro FUNAKOSHI et al.  
Title: A PREVENTIVE OR THERAPEUTIC AGENT  
FOR PANCREATITIS COMPRISING IL-6  
ANTAGONIST AS AN ACTIVE INGREDIENT  
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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated March 22, 2011, concerning the above-referenced patent application. Applicants are concurrently paying a three-month extension of time fee to render this response timely.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: